

Doxycycline Fact and Instruction Sheet

What is doxycycline?

Doxycycline is an antibiotic. Antibiotics help the body fight off infections.

Before using Doxycycline, you should tell your nurse or doctor:

- If you know you are allergic to this medicine, or tetracycline.
- If you are pregnant.
- If you are breastfeeding – it is not known if this medicine gets into breast milk.
- If you have liver disease.
- If you are taking birth control pills.

Special instructions for taking this medicine:

- This medicine can be taken with or without food. If stomach upset happens, take it with food.
- **Take one pill or capsule two times a day for ____ days.**
- Do not take antacids within one or two hours of taking this medicine.
- To clear up your infection, **keep taking this medication until it is all gone.**
- Do not have sex until you finish taking all of this medicine.
- You may be more sensitive to the sun while taking this medicine.
- Make sure that your sex partner gets treated before you have sex again.

Possible side effects:

The following side effects may occur after taking this medicine. They should not last long, and you do not need to see a nurse or doctor unless they do not go away.

- Loose bowel movements
- Stomach upset (nausea or vomiting)

You should come back to the clinic if the symptoms do not go away or if you have itching or burning or discharge from the vagina one week or more after taking your medicine.

Remember – use condoms to protect yourself against sexually transmitted infections!